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In re U.S. National Stage Appln. of:)
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 5, 2006, kindly enter this paper in the record. This paper contains the following sections:

- (1) **Amendments to the specification**, which are reflected on page 3 of this paper;
- (2) **Amendments to the claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 4 of this paper; and
- (2) Applicant's **remarks**, which begin on page 9 of this paper.

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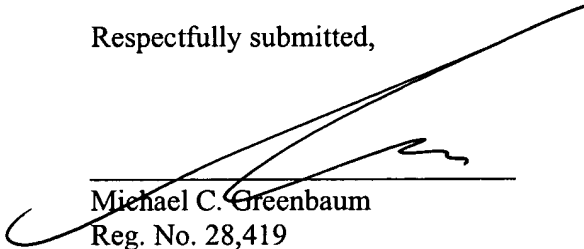
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In view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

In the event that any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 772-5800.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being submitted concurrently herewith to render the submission of this paper timely. If a Petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted concurrently herewith and either is not filed concurrently herewith or does not suffice to render this submission timely, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (Atty. Ref. No. 123543-00101).

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